THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Mr. Horr Unfolds a Plan for Providing Aspiring Democrats with Chairmanships.

How the Ambition of Two Tormentors of the British Lion Might be Gratified.

The Unfortunate Woman Suffragists Left Out in the Cold.

Another Attack on Land-Grant Railroads in the Senate.

THE HOUSE.

A long discussion sprang up in the house yes-terday morning over a resolution offered by Mr. Geddes, of Ohio, to grant a month's extra pay to discharged employes, it being advocated by Messix. Geddes and Keifer, of Ohio; and opposed by Mr. Rengan, of Texas, on the ground that the house had no right to be charitable with other people's money, and by Mr. Cobb, of Indiana, on the ground that it would include in its provisions per-sons who had been put on the rolls at the close of

Ms. Reagan moved to commit the resolution to the committee on accounts, with instructions to inquire and report whether there were persons turned out of their positions at the close of the

turned out of their positions at the close of the last session of congress and others put in their places who have performed no duties.

The motion was agreed to—yeas 115, nays 54.

Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, from the committee on rules, reported a resolution that hereafter the committee on postoffices and postroads shall consist of fifteen members, and the committees on banking and currency, foreign affairs, military affairs, territories, public buildings, and the District of Columbia, of thirteen members each. The resolution was adopted.

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Mr. Horr here found his opportunity and embraced it as closely as the rotundity of his person would permit. Mr. Horr said that he was opposed to the measure. He though it would degrade one of the most important committees in the house to one of the most important committees in the house to one of the most important committees in the house to one of the most insignificant. If it was necessary to divide committee in order to make places for the immerise number of democrats in the house, he earnestly inquired why the ways and means committee should not be divided. There could be one committee on ways and another on means. One could consider all bills tending to build up American industries and the other all bills tending to pull down those industries. Thereby both wings of the democratic party could have a committee. Or it might be possible to divide the committee on judiciary, the new committee to have the consideration of all matters in which legal questions were involved. The old committee would still be the most overworked committee would still be the most overworked committee on foreign affairs. The new committee might be called the committee on Irish affairs, and have charge of all Irish matters, with leave to set ineffectably on all questions pertaining to the British llon. An old and respected member of the other side, who had frequently expressed in the house his sympathy for the oppressed race, could be chairman of the new committee. A younger member from New York, who was said to aspire to the position, could be chairman of the old committee on toreign affairs, other than Irish affairs. This disposition of the chairman of the old committee on toreign affairs, other than Irish affairs. This disposition of the chairman of the old committee on toreign affairs, other than Irish affairs.

Mr. Horr's allusion to the claims of Mr. Cox and Mr. Belimo

of the Mississippi river.

The amendment was reported, and the original report adopted.

Mr. Keiter, of Ohio, called up the resolution reported yesterday for the appointment of a committee on woman suffrage.

Mr. Resign, of Texas, placed his opposition to the resolution on social and constitutional grounds. He argued that the committee could not report a measure which any court could enforce, or which would not be unconstitutional. He protested against kicking about the poor old constitution, which had been so long forgotten. The granting of the right of suffrage to women would tend to degrade them, and congress should not try to overdrag the social sistus of the world.

Mr. Belford, of Colorado, asserted that it was competent for congress to pass a law problibiling a sate from depriving the women from participating in its government. If there were more female influences in the political arrangements of this country, even the morals of the house of representatives might be improved.

The resolution was rejected—year, 85, mays, 124.

Mr. Hobbitzell, of Maryland, from the special committee having the matter in charge, reported a joint resolution requesting the President to issue a proclamation recommending the people, either by appropriate exercises in connection with the religious services of the twenty-third instant or by such public observances as they may deem proper on the twenty-fourth, to commensorate the surrender by Washington of his commission as commander-in-chief of the army. The President is also requested to order the national salute from the various forts throughout the country on the twenty-fourth instant.

The joint resolution was passed.

The speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Holmain, of indiana, and Mr. O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, as directors of the Columbia hospital.

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The housethen (at 3:25) adjourned until Monday.

THE SENATE.

In the senate yesterday Senator Fair presented a memorial embodying several joint resolutions from the legislature of Nevada.

The chair laid before the senate the report of the inspection of the Soldiers' home at Washington, made by the inspector feneral of the army Nov

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By Mr. Lapham: Authorizing the payment of prize money to efficers of the Farragut fleet for the destruction of the enemy's shipping in 1852.

By Mr. Dolph: To smend section 2776, of the revised statutes, relating to ports of entry, extending, Mr. Bolph said, the limits of such ports so as to give the sanction of the sinule to the practical extension of such ports which has grown out of the necessities of commerce.

By Mr. Miller, of New York: To authorize the secretary of war to erect a memerial to the late Gen. G. K. Warren.

By Mr. Brown: To authorize the distillation of fruit without tax by the federal government, leaving the question of such taxation to the state.

By Mr. McPherson: To authorize the distribution of price manney to the survivers of the Monator who participated in the action with the rebel from clad Merrimae in March, 1862.

On the conclusion of the morning hour, Mr. Van Wyck called up his resolution of yesterday, requesting the secretary of the interior to furnish information as to the amount of indemnity lands given to railroad companies since the supreme court decision of 1570 on the ambject.

Mr. Jugalis said he did not object to the resolution proper, but the preamble seemed to commit the senate to an interpretation of the decision of the supreme court, which would not be in accordance with the reading of the decision.

Mr. Van Wyck insisted that his pleamble was correct. In the course of debate he referred to opinions of Attorney General Devens and Mr. Justice Harlan on the same subject, and criticised those opinions, as well as the practice of the general land cline in following, as Mr. Van Wyck states, the law, as laid down by those opinions, rather than by the word "it is all cered." so as not to recent than by the word "it is all cered." so as not to recent than by the word "it is all cered." so as not to

States.

The discussion was closed by the insertion in the presemble of the words "it is alleged," so as not to commit the senate to any special interpretation of the supreme court decision, and, as a amonded, Mr. Van Wyck's resolution was agreed to.

The senate then went into expensive session, and on reopening resumed consideration of the new rules.

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Some debate occurred on a provision requiring the reference of the District of Columbia appro-priation bills to the district committee of the senate. Some senators thought it should be loft, as heretolore, entirely to the appropriations com-mittee, while others contended that inamuch as the respie of the district, while peving one-half of all the expenses of the fluriet, had no repre-sentation in either house except such as they got from the congressional committees, it was but signt to submit appropriation bills affecting the

taxpayers of the district to the committees having charge of district matters in congress. The fact hat Washington is the cap pilal of the nation rendered the expenses coormously greater than those of an ordinary municipal corporation. Referring to an allusion which had been made to the district debt, Mr. Incalls, chairman of the senate committee on the District of Columbia, stated that the clip was a national city, and in all its appointments—in the width of the streets, the size of the parks, and other improvements—the city was upon a senie intended to reflect credit on the nation as a whole, and he believed that the money expended in the creation and development of those improvements had been well spent. No equal amount of expenditure anywhere in the country could show a greater or more oreditable result. The men who had been vilified for expending it would some day have monuments erected to their memory. Washington ought in every respect be a fitting representative of the wealth, tase, and grandeur of the nation. Noticing a remark that ditions of the district had no right of suffrage, Mr. Ingalls said he was glad of B. The experiment of popular government and universal suffrage had been tried there, and the result was not satisfactory either to the people or the government. He thought the founders of the government were right in excluding popular suffrage as an element of government in the district.

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The senate then took up and concurred in the joint resolution of the house of representatives relating to the celebration of the centenary of the surrender by Washington of his commission as commander-in-chief of the patriot forces of America. America.
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NOMINATIONS.

The senate in executive session yesterday made the following confirmation:
Consuls—William D. Warner, of South Carolina, at Desseldorf, Warren A. Worden, at Charlottestown, P. E. L; David M. Dunn, at Yalparaiso; Henry Dean Thompson, of New Ocleans, at Guerrero; Edward E. White, at Puerio Cabelia, Clodomiro Perez, of Spain, at Santandor: Horatio N. Beach, Guayaquil; Julius G. Voigt, of New York, at Manila; Charles P. Williams, Montrose, N. Y., at Rouen; Harrison B. McKay, Teneriffe; Frank G. Haughwont, at Naple; Albert Woodcock, of Hilliols, at Catania; George Gifford, of Maine, at Cognic; Emil Mahlo, at Manzanillo; George F. Lincoln, of Connecticut, at Aix-la-Chappelle; Walter E. Howard, of Vermont, at Toronto; Peter Strickland, of Massachusetts, at Gorre-Dakar-Senegal; Frederick M. Cheney, of Massachusetts, at Zanaibar; Hermann Keller, of Michigan, at Stettin; John L. Parish, of Illinois, at Cheminit; E.S. Nadal, at Nantes; Thomas Wilson, at Nice; John W. Wadsworth, at Sultillo; Evan R. Jones, of Wacconsin, at Carolina, at Rio Grande de Sol.

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Saval officer-Edwin H. Nevin, jr., Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Jacob E. Fitch, Louisiana, s NOMINATIONS.

THE PROTEUS INQUIRY.

Testimony of Lieut. Clapp Concerning "the Instructions."

In the Proteus court yesterday Capt, William II, Clapp, 18th United States infantry, late chief of the division of Arctic observations in the signal bureau, was sworn. He testified that under the

the division of Arctic observations in the signal bureau, was sworn. He testified that under the instructions of Gen. Hazen he made a study of the literature of Arctic explorations, and by conversations experienced in Arctic travel sought to qualify himself to give advice respecting the fitting out of relief expeditions.

Upon Lieut, Garlington's arrival witness had turned over all matters connected with the relief expedition to him, but had subsequently, by order of the chief signal officer, prepared the rough draft of Lieut, Garlington's 'unstructions. Witness was frequently in consultation thereafter with reference to the expedition, and having become convinced of the advisability of establishing a depot on the northward voyage, he made a suggestion to that effect to Gen. Hazen, but the latter said Lieut. Greely, after having been over the ground, had expressed his wishes in the matter, and he (Hazen) would not depart from that plan. He did not therefore adopt the suggestion.

Witness never saw the supplemental instructions (inclosure No. 4) or heard of them until after the loss of the Proteus.

The court asked if witness thought the instructions to Lieut. Garlington covered all that might have been prudently said, and if the depot might not have been established on the northward voyage without omitting any feature of the plan answer would involve a criticism of the manner in which the expedition was filted out, and expendently and expendently was filted out, and expendently and expendently

sketched by Lieut Greely. Witness said that an answer would involve a criticism of the manner in which the expedition was fitted out, and expressed a wish not to answer. The opinion of the court was expressed that the answer would involve no impropriety, whereupon witness said: "From the fact then that as a matter of greater security, and with the recollection that ships were often nipped in these waters, and sometimes danserously so, the very fact that I falvocated the denet of provisions to be left while going up would be an answer to that question."

At 2 o'clock the court adjourned to reassemble at 11 o'clock to-day.

Angler, Spare the Fish.

The subcommittee of the senate committee on foreign relations, which for some time has been taking testimony relating to the protection of fish-eries along the Atlantic coast, will make a report shortly after the holiday recess. But one person, Col. McDonald, of the United States fish commis-Col. McDouald, of the United States sish commission, remains to be examined. During the past summer testimony has been taken along the coast from New Jersey to Fortland, Maine. Since the beginning of the present session of congress Mr. Seth Green, of Rochester, N. Y., has been examined. He said that the fish allowing the coast could be entirely destroyed by allowing them to be caught at all seasons of the year. In its report the subcommittee will recommend legislation prohibiting the catching of fish along the Atlantic coast during the spawning season.

To Regulate Railroads,
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Hospital Stewards. Senator Logan will introduce a bill soon pro viding for an increase of \$1 a month in the com-pensation of hospital stewards who now receive less pay than their rank should entitle them. Such a bill was pending at the adjournment of the forty-seventh con-ress.

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